

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, August 30, 1875, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Cambridge, August 30th, 1875. Dear Mr. Bell:

I was just going to write to you to thank you for telling me what you did yesterday when your note came. Please do not think you did wrong to speak to me. Both Mamma and I are so glad you did so and whatever happens I shall always be the better for having heard such a story as yours, the record of a noble and self-sacrificing life. I am not too young to revere and honor the man that could act as you have done, or to be sorry, oh so sorry that he has suffered so much trouble and unhappiness, and to wish I could do something to comfort him.

There has been nothing that was wrong in your conduct toward me. It has been throughout most noble and generous and I can only thank you for it with all my heart, and wish I were more worthy of it.

I do not see how your father could fail to receive you with affection if you go to him now, and the confidence that has so long been wanting must be restored.

Perhaps it is best we should not meet awhile now, and that when we do meet we should not speak of love. It is too sacred and delicate a subject to be talked about much and till I know what it means myself I cannot understand or fully sympathize with the feeling.

Only if you ever again need my friendly help and sympathy it is yours. It may have been a mistake your coming Saturday, but I truly wanted to help you in any way I could and prove myself,

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Your sincere friend, Mabel. G. Hubbard.

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Mamma knows that I am writing and says she hopes you will have a pleasant visit home, and if she said a harsh word to you yesterday she is all contrition, and never will do so again.